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WORLD DRY PEA PRODUCTION UP IN 1964

Dry pea production in 19 reporting countries totaled 13.5 million bags in 1964, almost the same as the 1955-59 average, but up 5 percent from the 1963 estimate.

These figures represent only a small percentage of the total world dry pea production. India and China together produce, at latest information, nearly 75 million bags annually. Smaller quantities are produced in Communist East Europe and in Africa. None of this output is reported on any consistent or continuing basis.

Only recently, there was indication that dry pea production in the USSR may have increased sharply and that dry peas constitute a major part of the 225 million bags of total pulse produced there.

Of the 19 countries reporting, those in North America, Europea, Asia, and Africa reported some overall increases; South America alone reported a decrease.

The major percentage changes this year occurred in a number of relatively small producing countries - Turkey up 120 percent from 1963, France up 74 percent, Canada up 50 percent, and Argentina down 39 percent. These rather dramatic shifts in smaller producing countries were on the whole minor as affecting the world situation. The combined total of 1964 production in these countries was only half as large as U.S. production alone.

The U.S. crop, more than one-third of the 19 country total, is about the same as last year, and one-third larger than the 1955-59 average. U.S. stocks are at high levels and prices depressed in spite of all-time high commercial exports from the 1963 crop.

PEAS, DRY EDIBLE: Acreage, yield and production in specified countries, average 1955-59, annual 1963 and 1964

Continent and country	Acreage			Yield per acre			Production		
	Average 1955-59	1963	1964 1/	Average 1955-59	1963	1964	Average 1955-59	1963	1964 1/
	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	1,000 bags 2/	1,000 bags 2/	1,000 bags 2/
North America:									
Canada	77	54	70	987	1,180	1,354	756	638	955
United States	280	319	306	1,258	1,492	1,548	3,517	4,759	4,738
Total	357	373	376	1,197	1,447	1,514	4,273	5,397	5,693
South America:									
Argentina	55	51	40	603	1,192	920	334	604	368
Chile	40	33	33	581	659	550	231	218	181
Colombia	88	175	183	558	312	312	489	546	573
Peru	16	20	20	895	1,071	1,091	146	212	220
Total	199	279	276	603	566	486	1,200	1,580	1,342
Europe:									
Belgium	22	17	18	2,382	2,694	3,007	515	454	542
Finland	22	8	7	1,125	1,201	1,201	253	66	55
France	53	20	36	1,631	1,929	1,846	867	381	661
West Germany	10	13	13	1,627	2,048	1,926	159	258	243
Italy	43	28	27	607	736	768	259	209	205
Netherlands	84	53	53	2,747	2,811	3,138	2,316	1,481	1,649
Spain	84	86	84	561	675	664	470	584	558
Sweden	33	17	18	1,089	1,338	1,549	358	225	276
United Kingdom	86	34	32	1,770	2,479	2,351	1,531	838	759
Yugoslavia	21	33	35	924	952	1,020	195	317	353
Total	458	309	323	1,512	1,558	1,641	6,923	4,813	5,301
Asia:									
Japan	38	23	20	1,039	792	672	397	182	134
Turkey	4	7	15	697	842	829	25	55	121
Total	42	30	35	1,005	790	729	422	237	255
Africa:									
Morocco	124	148	137	403	509	639	500	755	876
Grand total	1,180	1,139	1,147	1,119	1,122	1,174	13,318	12,782	13,467

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Bags of 100 pounds.

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